Promotion of foreign breed of cows

†*230. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the results achieved from the schemes going on for a long time for promotion of foreign breed of cows like Jersy and Houston;

(b) whether they have contributed to increase in production of milk in the country;

(c) the details of foreign breed of cows; and

(d) the difference found in quality of milk of foreign and domestic breed of cows?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Genetic upgradation programme being implemented by Government of India using exotic breeds of cows, namely, Holstein Friesian and Jersey on nondescript indigenous cattle has resulted in increase in their productivity. At present 21% of the total milk produced in the country is from 9.09 million crossbred cows in milk, as against 20% of the total milk coming from 28.3 million indigenous cows in milk.

(c) Under the genetic upgradation programmes being implemented by Government of India two exotic breeds, namely, Holstein Friesian ands Jersey have been utilized.

(d) Difference found in quality of milk of foreign and domestic breed of cows is in terms of milk fat percentage. The milk fat percentage of foreign breed of cows on an average ranges from 3 to 4.5% whereas the same in indigenous breeds ranges from 4 to 5.5%, although lactation yield is higher in exotic breed of cows as compared to indigenous breed of cows.

Measures to improve forthcoming Rabi yields

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether drought conditions have worsened and resulted in Kharif output to fall by 15 per cent;

(b) whether the Minister of Finance has also pointed out that there will be 15 to 20 per cent shortfall in country's Kharif crop due to deficient monsoon and drought conditions;

(c) whether food prices will continue to rise;

(d) whether Government has decided to give Rs. 288 crore subsidy for Rabi seeds; and

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